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THE FERNS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA—Professor Lewis S. Hopkins, of the State Normal School, Kent, Ohio, has published an admirable little manual of the ferns of Pittsburg and surrounding country, as Publication III of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania. It gives not only the usual botanical information and keys for identification, but also notes on the fern haunts and habits and something of their folklore. It is profusely illustrated with half-tones remarkably true to nature. The beautiful habit pictures invite one alluringly to the woods. This is just the kind of booklet that is needed to lead the average person away from the nerve-racking life of modern times to the peaceful contemplation of nature. With this manual one should be able to identify most of the common ferns of Eastern Ohio. More books of this nature should be written.

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